

LA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION HOLDS MHSA PUBLIC HEARING

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On Thursday, April 18, 2013, the Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission hosted a public hearing in the auditorium at St. Anne's. At the hearing, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) presented the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) fiscal year (FY) 2013-14 Annual Update, and also provided an open forum for public comment.

LACDMH District Chief Debbie Innes-Gomberg, Ph.D., presented the Annual Update. She gave data and information for the previous FY 2011-2012 and also gave projected budget and services for FY 2013-2014. The update is meant as a way to recommend changes to previously approved MHSA plans, and to provide the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSAOAC) with information to track, evaluate and communicate MHSA's impact statewide.



After the presentation, the public was invited to make comments and ask questions related to the current progress of work plans and implementation efforts and funding requests for MHSA FY 2013-14.

“These public hearings are an essential part of getting information to the public about the activities and outcomes of MHSA,” said LACDMH Director Marvin Southard, D.S.W. “But most important, we get to hear from the public about the future of MHSA and where it should go.”

